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BEAR PAW TRAIL (TRAIL 7) OPEN TODAY

WASHBURN, **Wis.** (June 22, 2018) – The Washburn Ranger District has opened Bear Paw Trail (Trail 7) today.

"This trail is an important connector between the Barnes and Drummond communities," said Brad Turberville, District Ranger on the Washburn Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. "We are moving as quickly as we can to get roads and trails back open to the public to enjoy the northwoods and their National Forest."

Yesterday, the Buckskin (North/South trail between Iron River and Barnes), Battle Axe (Northeast/west trail between Iron River and Port Wing), Lenawee (East/West trail between Port Wing and Bayfield/Washburn), Northwest section of the Valhalla Trail Loop to access the Valhalla Parking Area and Bayfield/Washburn Area were all opened.

Updates will be posted to our website as trail repairs are made and opened. In addition, one boat ramp remains closed until further notice at Star Lake. All other recreation areas are open.

"We encourage folks to take their time if traveling in the impacted area," said Turberville. "We want everyone to be safe, including our employees and partners who are working to repair areas that were damaged."

For more information, visit Inciweb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5852/; or the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website: www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF or call the Great Divide Ranger District at 715-634-4821 or Washburn Ranger District at 715-373-2667. You can also follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/CNNF002 or like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CNNF002.

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